

## Julia Stilwell

Occupant Name: Julia Stilwell

Location: Section C

Date of Birth: 9/30/1839

Date of Death: 5/7/1931

Date of Burial: 1931

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



## Death Of Prominent Woman

Mrs. Julia A. Stilwell Expires In  
Brownstown At Advanced  
Age of 91 Years

A long and useful life came to a peaceful close Thursday morning, May 7, 1931, at 4 o'clock, when Mrs. Julia A. Stilwell passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. H. Cox, in Brownstown at the advanced age of 91 years, 7 months and 7 days.

Although she had been in failing health from general infirmities and complications for several months, her condition did not become serious until about four weeks ago.

Julia A. Worth, daughter of Alexander and Adaline Worth, was born at Mooresville, Indiana, September 30, 1839. Her father was one of the early railroad pioneers of the state and was extensively known among the business men of Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

At the age of seventeen she came to Brownstown to make her home with her aunt, Mrs. Hettie Benton, wife of the Rev. Walter Benton, who for many years was a leading Methodist minister, and has seen Brownstown grow from a small hamlet to a prosperous little city.

On November 11, 1860, she was married in Brownstown to Dr. Joseph A. Stilwell, who was one of Jackson county's most prominent physicians and surgeons. At the breaking out of the war in 1861 he entered the services under Col. Hendricks and served as a surgeon until the close of the war. To their union were born two sons and three daughters. Dr. Stilwell died May 30, 1894.

Mrs. Stilwell was a great lover of music and art. When twelve years of age she took up embroidery and needlework. Later in life she took up painting and from the beginning she showed a great deal of skill and talent for the work and continued to paint wonderful pictures until after she was 90 years of age. It is doubtful if there is another artist in Indiana who is able to do such work at that age. She was also an ardent reader and was always conversant with current topics of the day. She

united with the Methodist church when a young girl and remained steadfast in the faith until death.

In her earlier life she was an active member in many civic enterprises, and one of her greatest desires was to see Fairview cemetery transformed into a beautiful resting place. This desire has been fulfilled.

She departed leaving behind her a most enviable record and a beautiful life. "She is not dead, just away. She has wandered into an unknown land and left us dreaming how very fair. It needs must be since she lingers there."

Funeral services in charge of the Rev. Leo S. Lovell, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. Roy Brumbaugh, pastor of the Presbyterian church, were held at the home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial in Fairview cemetery.

The survivors are three daughters, Mrs. Chas. H. Cox, Mrs. E. L. Vermilya, Mrs. Kate Boyatt, all of Brownstown; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.